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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Frank W. Merritt

Defendant/Petitioner.

CASE NO. 3:13-cr-05528-cvb

FINDINGS AND ORDER ACCEPTING
DEFENDANT FOR DEFERRED
PROSECUTION, APPROVING
TREATMENT PLAN, AND DIRECTING
DEFENDANT TO TAKE TREATMENT
AS PRESCRIBED

(Clerk's Action Required)

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THIS MATTER, coming on for hearing this 14th day of April, 2014 upon the
defendant's Petition for Deferred Prosecution; the defendant appearing in person and by her/his
attorney, Barbara Bowden; the United States of America being represented by
MAJ Margaret V. Kusz, Assistant United States Attorney; the Court, having
examined and incorporated into the record Petitioner's Petition and Statement in support of
deferred prosecution, the evaluation and treatment report prepared by A. Brighter Toranzo
and the files and records herein, being fully advised in the premises, does now make and enter
the following:

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1 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 A. On or about the ___ day of _____, 20___, Petitioner was charged with
3 the offense/offenses charged in the Information. This offense occurred as a direct result of
4 alcoholism/chemical dependency problems;

5 B. Petitioner suffers from an alcohol/drug problem and is in need of treatment;

6 C. The probability of similar misconduct in the future is great if the problem is not
7 treated;

8 D. Petitioner is amenable to treatment;

9 E. An effective rehabilitative treatment plan is available to Petitioner through
10 A Brighter Tomorrow, an approved treatment facility as designated by the laws of the State
11 of Washington, and Petitioner agrees to be liable for all costs of this treatment program;

12 F. That Petitioner agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the program
13 offered by the treatment facility as set forth in the diagnostic evaluation
14 from A Brighter Tomorrow, attached to Statement of Petitioner filed herewith,
15 and that Petitioner agrees to be liable for all costs of this treatment program;

16 G. That Petitioner has knowingly and voluntarily stipulated to the admissibility and
17 sufficiency of the facts as contained in the written police report attached to Statement of
18 Petitioner filed herewith.

19 H. That Petitioner has acknowledged the admissibility of the stipulated facts in any
20 criminal hearing or trial on the underlying offense or offenses held subsequent to revocation of
21 this Order Granting Deferred Prosecution and that these reports will be used to support a finding
22 of guilt;

23 From the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court draws the following:

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1 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 A. That the above-entitled Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and
3 Petitioner Frank W. Merritt, in this case;

4 B. That Petitioner's Petition for Deferred Prosecution meets the requirements of
5 RCW 10.05 et seq.;

6 C. That the diagnostic evaluation and commitment to treatment meets the
7 requirements of RCW 10.05.150;

8 D. That Petitioner is eligible for deferred prosecution.

9 **III. ORDER**

10 Having made and entered the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF
11 LAW, it is hereby

12 ORDERED that the defendant is accepted for deferred prosecution. The prosecution of
13 the above-entitled matter is hereby deferred for five (5) years pursuant to RCW 10.05 et seq.,
14 upon the following terms and conditions:

15 A. Petitioner shall be on probation for the deferral period and follow the rules and
16 regulations of probation;

17 B. Petitioner shall enroll in and successfully complete the two-year treatment
18 program recommended by A Brighter Tomorrow according to the
19 terms and conditions of that plan as outlined in the diagnostic evaluation, a true copy of which
20 is attached to the Petition and incorporated herein by reference. Petitioner shall not change
21 treatment agencies without prior Probation approval;

22 C. The treatment facility, A Brighter Tomorrow, shall
23 file with the United States Probation Office status reports of Petitioner's compliance with
24 treatment, monthly during the first year of the deferred prosecution period and every three (3)
25 months during the second year. The Court may increase the frequency of these reports at its
26 discretion;

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1 D. Petitioner shall notify U.S. Probation within 72 hours of any residence change.

2 E. Petitioner shall abstain during the deferred prosecution period from any and all
3 consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or non-prescribed mind-altering drugs;

4 F. Petitioner shall not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways without a valid
5 operator's license and proof of liability insurance sufficient to comply with the state laws on
6 financial responsibility;

7 G. Petitioner shall be law abiding and shall not commit any alcohol/drug related
8 offenses or other criminal offenses during the period of deferral,

9 H. Petitioner shall notify U.S. Probation within 72 hours of being arrested,
10 questioned, or cited by Law Enforcement;

11 I. In the event that Petitioner fails or neglects to carry out and fulfill any term or
12 condition of her/his treatment plan or violates any provision of this Order or any rule or
13 regulation of her/his probation officer, upon receiving notice, the Court shall hold a hearing to
14 determine why Petitioner should not be removed from deferred prosecution and prosecuted for
15 the offense/offenses charged;

16 J. In the event the Court finds cause to revoke this deferred prosecution, the
17 stipulated police reports shall be admitted into evidence, and Petitioner shall have her guilt or
18 innocence determined by the Court;

19 K. That the statement of Petitioner for Deferred Prosecution shall remain sealed, and
20 all subsequent reports or documents relating to her treatment information shall be sealed, to
21 maintain confidentiality of Petitioner's treatment information;

22 L. That the Department of Licensing be notified of this Order accepting the
23 Petitioner for deferred prosecution;

24 M. Upon proof of Petitioner's successful completion of five years deferral period in
25 this Order, the Court shall dismiss the charges pending against Petitioner.

26 N. Additional conditions: _____

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DONE IN OPEN COURT this 14th day of April, 2014.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Presented by:

Attorney for Petitioner

I have received a copy of the foregoing Order of Deferred Prosecution. I have read and understand its contents, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Dated:

2/5/14


Petitioner

I certify that a copy of this signed Order was mailed to the subject treatment facility, on 4/16, 2014. The United States Probation Office was also furnished a copy of this Order.


Clerk

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